

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, as presently amended and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-20 are currently pending. Claims 1, 9, and 12 have been amended by the present amendment. The changes to the claims are supported by the originally filed specification and do not add new matter.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 1-6, 9-14, and 17-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as being directed to nonstatutory subject matter (software *per se*); and Claims 7, 8, 15, and 16 were allowed.

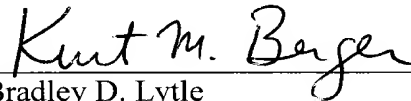
Applicants respectfully submit that the rejections of the claims under 35 U.S.C. § 101 are rendered moot by the present amendment to Claims 1 and 9. In particular, Claim 1 has been amended to recite a non-transitory, hardware-based memory configured to store the retrieved second document. Thus, since amended Claim 1 recites a hardware element, it cannot be directed to software *per se*. Further, Claim 9 has been amended to include a processor configured to compute weights, select an important keyword, and search for associated information. Accordingly, since Claim 9 includes a processor, it cannot be directed to software *per se*. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the rejections of the claims under 35 U.S.C. § 101 are rendered moot by the present amendment to Claims 1 and 9.

Claim 12 has been amended to correct a minor informality and no new matter has been added.

Thus, it is respectfully submitted that independent Claims 1, 7, 8, 9, 15, and 16 are in condition for formal allowance. An early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

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